

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

Where are we now?

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Background – Europe's Beating Cancer Plan

- ✓ The Cancer Plan addresses cancer in an integrated, health-in-all-policies and multi-stakeholder approach
- ✓ Four pillars: (1) prevention; (2) early detection; (3) diagnosis and treatment; and (4) quality of life of cancer patients and survivors
- ✓ Cross-cutting themes: research and innovation, digital and personalised medicine, reducing inequalities, paediatric cancer
- ✓ 10 flagship initiatives and 32 actions - at every key stage of the disease
- ✓ 4 billion EUR budget

Updates on the Plan



NEW TECHNOLOGIES, RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

1. European Cancer Imaging Initiative

- ✓ Launched in December 2022

SAVING LIVES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE CANCER PREVENTION

2. Eliminate cancers caused by Human papillomavirus

- ✓ Joint Action on HPV vaccination launched November 2022 (PERCH)
- ✓ 2 Action Grants launched: Protect-Europe (January 2023), ReThinkHPVvaccination (February 2023)





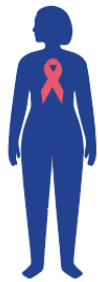
IMPROVING EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER

3. EU Cancer Screening Scheme

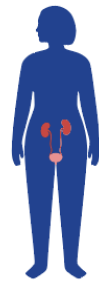
- ✓ Council Recommendation on Cancer Screening adopted in December 2022
- ✓ European Breast Cancer Guidelines and Quality Assurance Scheme finalised 2021
- ✓ European Colorectal Cancer Initiative (Guidelines and Quality Assurance Scheme) launched 2022
- ✓ Update of Cervical Cancer Guidelines and development of Quality Assurance Scheme in progress
- ✓ 3 Cancer Screening Projects launched in April 2023

What are the new EU recommendations?

Extending access to targeted cancer screening for breast, colorectal and cervical cancers along with a step-by-step approach to introducing prostate, lung and gastric cancer testing.



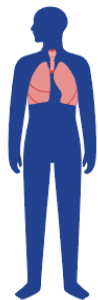
BREAST CANCER
suggesting a lower age limit of 45 and a higher age limit of 74 (standard 50 – 69), plus MRI scans when medically appropriate



HPV testing for women aged 30 to 65, every 5 years or more, to detect **CERVICAL CANCER**, taking account of HPV vaccination status



Triage testing for **COLORECTAL CANCER** in people aged 50 – 74 through faecal immunochemical testing (FIT) to determine follow-up via endoscopy/colonoscopy



LUNG CANCER
testing for individuals at high risk (i.e. smokers), incl. prevention approaches



Prostate specific antigen testing for **PROSTATE CANCER** in men, plus MRI scans for follow-up



In places with high **GASTRIC CANCER** incidence and death rates, screening for *Helicobacter pylori* and surveillance of precancerous stomach lesions

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ENSURING HIGH STANDARDS IN CANCER CARE

4. EU network of Comprehensive Cancer Centres

- ✓ Joint Action launched November 2022 (JA CraNE)
- ✓ Joint Action on Networks of Expertise started October 2022 (JANE)

5. Cancer Diagnostic and Treatment for All

- ✓ Personalized Cancer Medicine for all EU citizens (PCM4EU project) started January 2023
- ✓ Improving diagnostics and survival for all children with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (CHIP-AML22 project)



THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND CARERS

6. Better life for cancer patients' initiative

- ✓ Cancer Survivor Smart Card project started in November 2022 (smartCARE)
- ✓ Code of Conduct on Fair Access of Cancer Survivors to Financial Services by 2024

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REDUCING CANCER INEQUALITIES ACROSS THE EU

9. European Cancer Inequalities Registry

- ✓ Country Cancer Profiles launched February 2023
- ✓ Website and data tool launched February 2022



PUTTING CHILDHOOD CANCER UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

10. Helping Children with Cancer Initiative

- ✓ EU Network of Youth Cancer Survivors, launched February 2022
- ✓ New section on Pediatric Cancers added to the European Cancer Information System
- ✓ Renewed funding for the ERN PaedCan

COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS

- ✓ Launched on the 25 May 2023 – EU4Health Programme funded cancer actions page

https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/cancer/europes-beating-cancer-plan-eu4health-financed-projects_en

- ✓ Launched on 30 May 2023 - ‘#GetScreenedEU’ campaign

✓ https://cancer-screening.campaign.europa.eu/index_en

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